

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/559,600	GAINES ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	MLouisa Lao	1621	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to _____.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 5.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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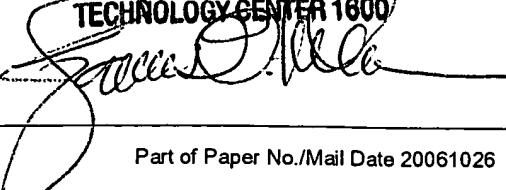
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/02/2005
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/8/2006.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Information Disclosure Statement

The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609.04(a) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." For example, see lines 2-3 page 8 of the specification; therein the applicant cites a reference, which is absent in the IDS. Therefore, unless the examiner on form PTO-892 has cited the references, they have not been considered. The applicant is requested to supply the documents in response to the Notice of Allowance.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Grace Hsu, *Esq.* on November 9, 2006.

In the claims:

Claim 3, lines 1 and 2, the phrase "or susceptible to" has been deleted.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The preparation of 5-aryl-3-hydroxypentanoates as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors, where 3-hydroxypentanoic acids substituted by a biphenyl in position 4, said biphenyl optionally forming a tricyclic ring system, has not been taught or disclosed in prior art. The closest prior art, Barron et al. *Jnl.Med.Chem.* 11(6), 1968, 1139-1144 teaches the activity, *inter alia*, of 4-biphenyl-3-hydroxybutyric acid and its derivatives; but Barron et al. does not teach or disclose structurally

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the compound of Formula (1a), which encompass 3-hydroxypentanoic acid substituted by a biphenyl in position 4, in the recited claim 1 of the application.

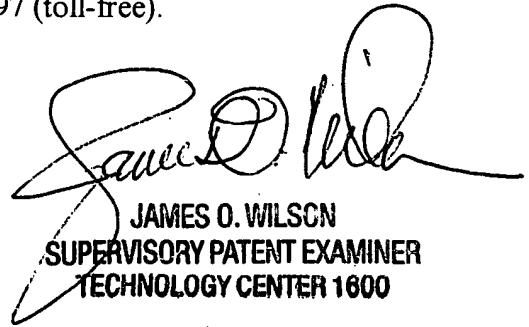
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MLouisa Lao whose telephone number is 571-272-9930. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Fridays from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page, can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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